

Remarks

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 32-37 and 39-47 will be pending in the application following entry of the above amendment.

Claims 1-6 and 8-15 stand rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Farooqi, et al. in view of Lawlor and Thiebaud. Claims 13-15 stand rejected on the same grounds, further in view of Melman. Claims 32-37, 39-43 and 46-47 stand rejected over Farooqi, et al. in view of Lawlor, while claims 44-45 are rejected on the same basis, further in view of Melman. Claims 7 and 38 are indicated as being allowable.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the obviousness rejection. However, to advance prosecution on the merits, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the feature of allowable claim 7, and claim 32 has been amended to incorporate the feature of allowable claim 38. The claims in the application are believed in condition for allowance.

Claims 16-31 are cancelled without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications.

An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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